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1. USG IS CONSIDERING MEXICAN PROPOSAL. AS AMBASSADOR STEVENSON POINTED OUT IN SPEECH TO UN SEABED COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 22, WE QTE ARE COMMITTED TO A TIMELY CONFERENCE. UNQTE. HE ADDED THAT QTE CERTAINLY WE SHOULD GO TO SANTIAGO AS WELL PREPARED AS POSSIBLE. BUT ADDITIONAL PREPARATION BEFORE SANTIAGO IS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH ADHERENCE TO THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE,
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AND SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO DIVERT US FROM THE BASIC

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OBJECTIVE OF A TIMELY AND SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE. THE EXPERIENCE OF THIS FINAL PREPARATORY SESSION OF THE SEABEDS COMMITTEE WOULD SUGGEST THAT UNTIL THE CONFERENCE ITSELF IS ACTUALLY UNDERWAY MANY STATES WILL POSTPONE THOSE HARD DECISIONS ON OCEANS POLICY WHICH CAN ALONE AFFORD THE BASIS FOR EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS THE POLITICAL DIRECTION FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE TECHNICAL WORK OF THE DRAFTING OF TREATY ARTICLES. POSTPONING THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONFERENCE, EVEN FOR A FEW MONTHS, MIGHT NOT ONLY DELAY THE COMMENCEMENT OF EFFECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS BUT JEOPARDIZE THEIR SUCCESS. UNQTE IN SUMMARY, USG WANTS TO HOLD TO PRESENT CONFERENCE

TIMING. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE PREPARED TO CONSIDER ANY PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD PERMIT MORE TIMELY COMPLETION OF WORK OR WOULD PERMIT MORE PREPARATORY WORK, PROVIDED CONFERENCE SCHEDULE ADHERED TO. ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE CONSIDERING MEXICAN PROPOSAL AND WOULD WELCOME JAPANESE VIEWS.

2. USG APPRECIATES NEED FOR KEEPING CONSENSUS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO HELP PRODUCE BROADEST POSSIBLE AGREEMENT. WE HAVE NOT YET, HOWEVER, DECIDED ON DETAILS OF AND AT WHAT TIME VOTING MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE. ROGERS

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